Bradford June 13th 1880

My dear Grandson

Your good long letter to us was gladly received but has not been promptly answered, for I looked for you home here the last of the past week – it is very seldom that I write a letter on the Sabbath day – your Mama came in at the close of her Church Service said she received a letter from you last night, & you wished your grandparents to write to you soon – & now I sit down to thank you for remembrance of us, & your letter need no praise for it was well written & would stand well on its own merits – we all miss your presence in our homes & in the town – I hope you will have a pleasant happy visit with your Papa & all the relatives & return to us well again when your visit is done – Grandpa is resting on the lounge up stairs, it is very

warm in the sun to-day but a brisk breeze of wind= we have had splendid showers, yesterday a thorough one = & everything grows finely= Augusta. C. has had some baby visitors Mary Coopers babies - & they were two as restless mischievous little spirits as any body could imagine - they completely tired August out she looked almost sick before they left - but her Mother said she has got rested so she feels natural again she had to keep close at their heels to keep them from pulling down the many things that they could get hold of - they are smart - eyes as black as their Mothers = Mr & Mrs Wright are flourishing nicely - have a pleasant home - all new, but very comfortable - has a tool house, hen house & little henery or park for them, has his hens in it, has two coops of young chickens - his trees that he set here are growing - he has his garden - I think he enjoys his home well - they get their milk here - Doct Talmadge is daily in his garden at work has a good prospect

your Grandpa has come down says I must finish this, must tell you that he sees your calves often & they are doing well, he carries to them salt & they run to him for it - are improveing = he thinks your letter very commendable for its being so plainly written, far better than many men write - he thanks you much for it, = your are twelve years old - twelve years of your life has past, & your reputation thus far is good indeed & if you are careful to keep it unspotted & as fair as now, until you are a man, what a blessing to you & the world - may the Heavenly Father keep you near himself & help you to always choose the right & shun the wrong. that will bring you happiness - I close by sending love & good wishes to all the friends

yourself & your dear Papa

Grandpa especially sends his love & good wishes this from your Grandma Crane

P.S. some mistakes you need not mind them